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FROM THE DIVISION CAPTAIN

M. Chaput



referenced first before we take action. A great deal of information has been passed down through the years as word of mouth and as we all know the more mouths that pass it down the more filtered it gets. By acting on this information members have had difficulties and anxieties that could have been avoided by going to the manuals.

I hope all have had a wonderful time over the holidays with friends and family. Em and I sure did. Now we get to look at the "New Year" and what might be in store. Before that a little house keeping first;

Please mark your calendars for the following activities:

DIVISION MEETINGS:

February 22, 23, 24	@	McMinnville
June, 6, 7, 8	@	Tillamook
October 10, 11, 12	@	Long Beach
December 6 CoW	@	Grande Rhonde

These dates were picked after long conversations, deliberations and a lot of head scratching as not to conflict with too much other stuff. Also Ray and Kay Nuebig said the fish would be biting "really good then". The June date was chosen to coincide with the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the station. This should be a very special time indeed.

Next, Flotilla Commanders remember that there is a series of items that must be attended to, too complete the transfer of leadership such as audits, inventories and other documents that must be completed and sent up the chain. Refer to your FC Manual. Please be early and that will help all of us through the transition.

This coming year I ask all members to take another look at the AUXMAN that they have. You know the big binder you received in the mail; well maybe it was a disk depending on when you joined. There is a wealth of information there. Many of the issues that have needed to be addressed could have been avoided if the manuals would have been

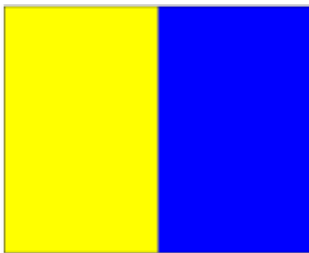
I bring this up as a first solution.

As volunteers we all have limited time and energy, that includes the staffs at all levels of the Auxiliary; so... lets not waste energy and time repeating our activities, our paper work or attempts to maintain currencies. LET'S DO THE JOB RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. and then move on to new adventures.

I'm excited to start a new year I know there will be more activities and functions to attend then I can get to; and all will offer experiences to be cherished. I know Division 6 will have a banner year, as our membership is extremely motivated to success.



Division Captain Mel Chaput is flanked by Vice Captain Jerry Lange and Capt. Peter Troedssen, Commanding Officer of USCG Air Station and Group Commander of Astoria at Change of Watch ceremonies.



International Maritime Signal Flags can have special meanings beyond the alphabet. When "K" is displayed it means "You should stop your vessel instantly". It is important for all boaters to be familiar with the meaning of a couple dozen of these flags when they are out on the water.

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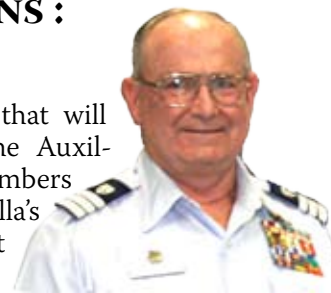
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IMMEDIATE PAST DIVISION REFLECTIONS :

D. Wimer



Looking for members that will become involved in the Auxiliary Programs? Looking for members to help you carry out your flotilla's goals? Does it seem that you don't have enough help to conduct your programs?

Having trouble recruiting new members to your flotilla? In the book, "The New Breed, Understanding & Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer" Jonathan and Thomas McKee discuss how the volunteer of this century is different from that of the past. They state that, the new breed of volunteer is not interested in working under the old management styles. Why should they? What can we do, "cut their Pay?" We are all volunteer "managers" to some extent.

The McKee's have identified three hats that we all must wear when we are involved in volunteer work. They are:

1. The volunteer recruiter must understand how to recruit the new breed, which is "cause" driven.
2. The volunteer manager must understand how to empower the new breed who wants to be lead instead of managed.
3. The volunteer leader must understand how to establish the power and passion of the volunteer team.

Over the next few months I hope to discuss each of these in more detail.

Let's look at the volunteer recruiter. Are you still operating your volunteer work the same as you did ten or twenty years ago? Are you asking "Where have all the volunteers gone?" Why are our volunteers not as committed as they used to be? "Why are people so busy today?"

The McKee's state that, we have observed six seismic shifts

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that have shaken the world of volunteer management and recruiting.”

1. “Family dynamics:” From the stay at home mother of the past, where the family consisted of the “Mom, Dad, 2.6 Kids, and a dog.” Over time the “Mom” had to go to work and the family unit changed. Fewer traditional homes and more nontraditional homes, including many single professional parents. These family dynamics dramatically affected the way we recruit our volunteers.

2. “Isolation:” “Americans today have fewer close friends than their parents did.” Social networking Web sites allow the youth to “hang out with friends” but have fewer close friends. They tend to be alone in their homes, but surrounded by hundreds of e-friends. In 1985 the average American had three close friends compared to two in 2004. One fourth of the people you see in public places say they have NO friends with whom they can really share their hopes and fears. Therefore, the place you will find volunteers has changed dynamically

3. “Flexibility:” The trend in volunteering has changed as noted in the Katrina disaster, where large number volunteered. One contributing factor is the willingness to be flexible. The new breed demands it! Organizations recruiting for specific volunteers are having to change their recruiting methods. They are empowering the “New Breed” to work on their own and according to their own schedules. Programs need to adjust to allow the recruit to use their strengths and time to complete our mission.

4. “Generations:” A generation of volunteers born after 1981 is called the Gen Y or “Generation @.” This is an interesting group, who answers their cell phones in the middle of meetings, wear torn jeans and T-shirts to most events. They have been raised on the new technology, and” willingly volunteer if they think the can make a difference.” They are a generation that may not always like your ideas, because they think some of their ideas are better. These volunteers are there if we know how to reach them!

5. “Technology:” We have gone from a “face to face” contact to a “Cyberspace” contact. This opens a great deal of geography to us. The Internet is influencing how we work and communicate! We have a new type of volunteer- the “virtual volunteer.” What is a “virtual volunteer?” It is volunteer tasks completed, in whole or in part, via the Internet and home or work computer. IE: tele-mentoring/tutoring, Web design, video creating, calling, stuffs envelopes etc.

6. “Professionalism:” A knowledgeable worker is one who “wants to make decisions.” These people want to volunteer because they want to influence how the project should be accomplished. They want to be treated as “professionals.” To be empowered!

This ‘New Breed’ of volunteers want to call the shots. “They want to be asked what they see as the needs in the organization and how they can help.” They want to make a difference, not simply make a contribution. They are busy and want to be empowered. They are ‘Tech’ savvy and don’t like to work with incompetent volunteers.

McKee describes recruiting as a “Courting” relationship. Good recruiting is more like dating. “The goal is to get to know each other before you ‘Pop the question’ and close the deal.” Let them take a peak at some of the exciting program in you organization. Ask them to help in some small way, and then as they are helping, ask them if they are having fun sometime during a fun part of the event! Simply ask people to drop by one for a “peek.” Ask them to check out your Web site and give you some suggestions.

During the “first date” visit and learn about them. Don’t try to share your organization. Learn what they like to do, what they have done in the past, what they would like to do with their time. Listen more than you talk! Keep this quote in mind – “Nobody ever learned anything while they were talking.”

Your goal is to get a second date! Now it’s OK to present your need. They want to be asked! Use the information you learned about them to find a fit for them. Give them a “volunteer expectations” sheet. Be honest with them. Build a relationship with them. Avoid the classic, “Oh, by the Way...” Let them know about fingerprinting, training and other requirements. Try to determine what they might be able to provide to the organization.

Keep them coming back for another “date.” Remember, they may have reasons why they can not join you at this time. Don’t be discouraged. “No” often dose not mean “no”; it means “not now.” In six months ask them back for another “date.” Things may have changed; you may expose them to a different part of the organization than what they experienced on the first “date.”

Next month I plan to discuss ‘Finding the New Breed of Volunteers (and Not Scaring Them Away). We will look at Thomas McKee’s “seven most common recruiting sins. Time and space permitting I will discuss “Tapping into the New Breed of Volunteers –Retiring “Boomers” and “Generation@”

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL. AND TO ALL A REMINDER!

The D13 District meeting is in Clackamas, Oregon

Feb 14 - 17 Feb 2008.

You must make Hotel reservation **Not Later Than** 14 Jan 2008. So far there is one reservation made. Avoid the rush and the congestion. Make your reservations NOW.

Call the number listed below, tell them your with the CGAUX and the event.

The registration form will be forthcoming. Again Happy Holidays.

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Dennis L. Hoppman
Vice Commodore
USCGAUX D13



**FOR MORE COMPLETE
INFORMATION ON THE
D13 CONFERENCE AND ITS
REGISTRATION FORM, SEE PAGES 12
AND 13 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**



Pat and Jerry Jacobsen, transferred to McMinnville Flotilla and joined us at our Christmas Party December 20th. Welcome to McMinnville! Photo - Wimer

MORE CHRISTMAS SHOTS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION



Sheila Languer, Flotilla Commander 2007 at the Flotilla Christmas Party December 2007. Photo - D. Wimer



L-R: Paul Billick, Richard Blake- Ranger at Hagg Lake, and Elaine Shirts. Flotilla 66 Christmas party December 20, 2007. Photo - D. Wimer



L to R: Joan Otte, Sylvia Williams, Helen Loban Retired member, Barbara Durbin retired member, Mary Wimer. Waiting for Christmas dinner to be served at Flotilla 66 Christmas Party December 20th.

Photo - D. Wimer

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TO ALLHANDS
Subj:

COMMANDANT'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE

1. I don't want the year to slip by without thanking you for your extraordinary service and dedication. Last year, I told you that I was incredibly proud of each of you for making it one of the most successful in Coast Guard history. This year is no different. You have served with courage, honor and compassion across all missions, through every expanse of the globe. At sea, in the air, and in our ports and rivers, you are saving lives, defending our nation and protecting the marine environment. Whether you are on the front lines, providing critical mission support, or volunteering your time in the auxiliary, you are America's lifesavers and guardians, and are vital to the Coast Guard, your community and our nation.

2. The holidays are a time when we tend to reflect on our family, not just our own, but also our extended Coast Guard family. I often think about my father's time in the service and his shipmates in World War II. We lost more coast guard heroes from his generation this year. Marvin J. Perrett, a Coast Guard Higgins boat LCVP coxswain who delivered troops to the beaches of Normandy and Okinawa and witnessed the raising of the American flag on mount Suribachi in Iwo Jima, passed over the bar this past may. http://www.uscg.mil/history/weboralhistory/marvin_perrett_oral_hist_ory.html. In September, we bid farewell to a World War II hero, Ray O'Malley, the last surviving crew-member of the Cutter Escanaba. <http://www.uscgnewengland.com/go/doc/778/179061/>.

3. We often talk about the greatest generation, the heroic young men and women like Ray O'Malley, who fought for freedom around the world and brought prosperity to America. Many are only with us in spirit, and yet they inspire us and serve as our moral compass. But I will tell you, in the 21st century, you will be the greatest generation. You are setting the course for America's children and grandchildren each time you stand duty, embark on a mission, or go that extra mile for someone in need. Keep that spirit alive! It is the reason why the Coast Guard has the reputation we do. 2007 was a great Coast Guard year. I have no doubt, you will make 2008 even better.

4. Pam and I, together with DCC (ret.) Clyde and Wilma Allen, wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes for a successful new year. Please also keep in mind our fellow service members deployed overseas and throughout the United States. Be safe in all that you do, and take care of each other. Semper paratus!

5. Admiral Thad Allen sends.



To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj:

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Dear U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary,

During the Holiday season our lives can get hectic as we become so busy finding and wrapping those perfect gifts, decorating our homes, writing and sending Holiday cards, singing in choirs, arranging last minute travel plans, preparing wonderful treats for our families, and, for some, shoveling snow. As Auxiliarists, you cheerfully undertake all of these Holiday related "tasks" to help keep your home fires burning. Of course, many of you also work or study full time - I don't know how you do it all. It continues to amaze me that you still find the time, the energy, the dedication, and the spirit of giving to your Coast Guard to help take care of the safety and the security of our Nation's waterways and those that use them. I applaud you!

As the old year comes to an end and we start anew, please find some time to reflect upon your accomplishments as individual Auxiliarists. What you have done individually and collectively for our country has been truly remarkable and deserving of immeasurable praise and thanks from all Americans. But perhaps more importantly, I urge you to take the time to reflect upon the value of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and shipmates—and be thankful to all of them for what they have done to help enrich your own life.

On behalf of the entire staff of the Auxiliary Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, please allow me to sincerely thank you for all that you have done this year in support of Coast Guard missions. I very, very much wish you and your loved ones the happiest Holiday Season and the very best in the coming New Year!

Sincerely,
Captain Barry P. Smith
U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-542)

DIVISION STAFF GUIDANCE

SO-AN: T. Quinton—

SO-CM: L. White—

SO-CS: E. Olson—

SO-FN: J. Otte— The New Year here! Most of the FSO-FN's have held this office before so this shouldn't be new to them. As soon as possible I need the following forms filled out and sent to me hard copy. One of the forms says it is due later in the spring. Ignore this. District 13 has it's own timeline. Form ANSC 7025 is the Financial Report of an Auxiliary Unit and needs to be filled out by FN's and signed by preparer (FN) and signed by FC. **Read the fine print which directs you how to sign it**

On the other side of this form is the Unit Inventory Record which must be filled out by the MA and turned in every year. It also must be signed by various people. Be sure to read and follow **the fine print**.

My address is in the Directory. Last year's FC's and FSO-FN's also have it. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

SO-IS: K. Neubig—

SO-MA: G. Pritchard— The New Year is almost upon us. Dean Wimer and myself have been working toward getting everyone in the Crew Program or who are already Crew qualified their own protective equipment. I think just about everyone's order is complete. Let your Flotilla FSO-MA If you are short anything. I hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

SO-MS: D. Jacobs—

SO-MT: D. Berger— I will be the new SO-MT for the coming year. I haven't received the FSO-MT list yet, but when I do the FSO-MT's will be contacted and Assignments given out. The Division meeting is coming, and I suspect that Mel will want training at that meeting. For the people that have done this in the past, please step forward and e-mail me. For those that want to do a training session, please throw your name in the mix. I am all for new people and new idea's. Hopefully we can get the training out of the way and concentrate on serving the public's needs.

SO-OP: R. Neubig— The SAR capabilities of Station Tillamook Bay will be greatly enhanced as Group Astoria implements Rescue 21 for early 2008.

Rescue 21 capabilities are:

1. Incorporates direction-finding equipment to improve locating mariners in distress.
2. Improves interoperability among federal, state, and

local agencies.

3. Enhances clarity of distress calls.
4. Allows simultaneous channel monitoring.
5. Upgrades playback and recording feature of distress calls.
6. Reduces coverage gaps for coastal communications and along navigable rivers and waterways.
7. Supports Digital Selective Calling, providing Global Positioning System capabilities.
8. Provides portable towers to restore communications during emergencies or natural disasters.

VE's have an opportunity to pass this information to Recreational Boaters during the one-on-one boat inspections. This highlights another important reason to stress to boaters the importance of registering their DSC radios.

SO-PA: P. Piazza— I have only received a report from Flotilla 61 and it appears that Duane Champeau is their PV and completed 3 visitations in November and December. I noted in the roster that my old email address is listed. According Mel that has been corrected for this next year. I am now working with Eric Olson to get up to speed on PA duties. The folks here in Central Oregon are gearing up for our annual Sportsman Show and a joint venture with the Oregon Marine Board to assist in PFD fitting at the show.

SO-PE: G. Smith—

SO-PB: P. Wills— There is an old saying "That a picture is worth a Thousand Words!" *Sur son visage* this seems like wise council. But, there are times when the wrong photo or a poorly presented photo adds confusion, not clarity to the message. Photographs, charts, graphs, and graphic illustrations are all visual media used in conjunction with the tales weaved by its spinner to inform or educate the reader. There are however a few things that all FSO-PB and FSO-PA officer's need to keep in mind when using media to support their articles.

First, the illustration needs to tie directly to the associated story with a caption that explains the picture. The caption must describe the who, what, where and why of the image as well as give credit to the photographer/illustrator. (A graphic that does not support the article on the page is one that is used to break-up the monotony a page of words, with is okay, but it must clearly be staged as such so it does not confuse the reader. More on this later.)

Second, the picture or graphic needs to be well composed, in focus, and well lit. A poor photo is worse than no photo at all. When you have a dark, out of focus shot of someone's backside, you are not giving the reader information,

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COMMENTS FOR DEC 1, 2007 CGA Div VI CHANGE OF WATCH

William Rydbloom, Oregon State Marine Board

Greetings

Thank you Dean for the invite, it's always a pleasure to represent my agency at these functions. Board and staff send their regards. Proof that MariAnn doesn't love you as much as I do is that I'm here and she's not (you do the math)! Actually, she is conducting an Instructor Training Class, but sends her regards.



You folks are a tremendous asset to Oregon boaters (not to mention the CG and SMB). And while the value of your services in dollars is no deed very substantial, the result of your effort in LIVES SAVED is the bottom line.

Additional thanks to Dean, Danny and LeOra for doing a great job of coordination and communicating with me and MB staff. You guys make things easy (and if I can say it without getting you in trouble...you make it fun!

I am very appreciative of other efforts. Generally speaking, each year I see a closer cooperation and coordination of patrol and educational efforts between your members and marine law enforcement personnel. A high point each year is your enthusiastic effort in support of the marine academy.

With the boat show season coming up, we are always in need of assistance at the Boating Resource Center. While there won't be a, life jacket give-a-way program this year at the Portland Show, we will need some help with the PFD exchange, Aquatic Nuisance Species exercise and Grow Boating program. Incidentally, the life jacket give-a-way will be at a Central Oregon Show, so volunteer assistance will be very much appreciated there.

MariAnn asks that you continue your efforts in submitting your student summary forms. Please include all classes other than GPS or individual classes.

I look forward to another year as your MB liaison, and working with all of you who got voted into office (because you were in the restroom when the vote was cast).

Congratulations to Mel and Jerry, if we can do anything for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

And for all you do...this buds for you! Thanks, and Merry Christmas.

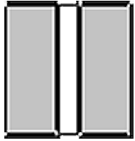
Mel Chaput new Division Six Captain and Jerry Lange new Division Six Vice Captain take their oath of office with Captain Peter Troedssen of Group Astoria during Change of Watch ceremonies on Dec 1, 2007

SEAJAC II CHRISTMAS

Dave Sargeant, Flotilla 62

The below 2 photos are from the Ilwaco lighted boat parade, we only got third place out of 10 boats, will do better next year. Weather was bad, with high winds. On the SeaJac II was Auxiliarist John Reynolds and myself, Dick and Robby Siefert with Gordin Gillick on the Port of Ilwaco 44 ft. boat. Also in the parade was lead by the Coast Guard 52 ft Triumph. All three boats have lights on in these pictures.





FLOTILLA COMMANDERS NOTES:

*When doing anything for the Auxiliary--Call your
Flotilla Commander and advise them!*

FLOTILLA 61: D. Campeau—

FLOTILLA 62: R. Siefert— Flotilla held their election in November and Dick Siefert and John Reynolds were elected to lead the flotilla in 2008.

Our new Staff has been chosen and we are looking forward to a good year.

We held our change of watch on Dec. 8th and we were honored to have as our guests Group Commander, Capt. Peter Troedson and his wife, Commanding Officer, Lt. Matt Hobbie and his wife and children, Executive Officer Cape D BMCS Carlos Herrara and DCP-Elect Mel Chaput and his wife Em.

We are having our first staff meeting on the 27th and our first Flotilla meeting will be on Jan. 2nd at Station Cape D.

I know that it is early, but, we are going to push this year to get more help for Buoy 10. We can use all of the help that we can get to cover the ramps on our side of the river. You will hear more of this as time goes by. Please check your calendars for the month of August and see if you can find time to come on down help with this great project and enjoy our side of the river.

FLOTILLA 63: V. Stone—

FLOTILLA 64: G. Kobes—

FLOTILLA 65: G. Pritchard— My name is Jerry Pritchard. I am the new FC for Flotilla 65 in Albany/Corvallis. I have been in the Auxiliary since May of 2003. I spent 24 years in the Military, some of it in the USCG. When I retired I went to work for Staff Jennings. I spent 6 years with them in sales and service manager. I am also the Div. 6 MA. I am looking forward to this coming year with great expectations in Boating Safety, Vessel Exams and Training programs. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year

FLOTILLA 66: L. Williams—

FLOTILLA 68: R. Moles—



U.S. COAST GUARD CENTRALIZES MARINER LICENSING PROGRAM

BYM Marine & Maritime News,

<http://www.bymnews.com/news/>

The U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center (NMC) reached a milestone in a major restructuring and centralizing project. In December 2007, the NMC will move into a new specially designed credential-production facility in Martinsburg, WV. Since 2005, the NMC has been managing a project to consolidate the functions of 17 independently operating Regional Exam Centers (REC) into one credential-processing facility. The goal of this effort is to improve customer service, decrease credential processing time, and improve the consistency of Coast Guard products and services.

Mariners will continue to use the existing RECs in various ports across the nation for face-to-face customer service and to ensure their applications are ready for evaluation by the NMC. Once an application is accepted at an REC, it will be sent to the NMC for processing. The NMC will send issued credentials directly to Mariners.

Captain Stalfort, the Commanding Officer of the NMC said, "We have huge opportunities to reengineer the credentialing process by embracing technology to improve customer service and reduce the time it takes for mariners to receive their credentials. One day mariners will be able to upgrade or renew their credentials on demand from any location in the world, much like you can access your bank account from an ATM or pay your taxes on line."

Centralizing has already made it possible for mariners to check the status of their credential application online via a Coast Guard website. A new toll free call center is also available (1-888-IASKNMC / 1-888-427-5662) to answer questions and provide information.

The Coast Guard is committed to improving all aspects of the credentialing processing the most efficient, customer centric manner possible.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY IS AT FOREFRONT OF ADVENTURE

Aviators keep keen eyes open for things amiss at sea
By KARA HANSEN

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From 1,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean, across the Columbia River drainage and as far north as Washington's Puget Sound, Don Berger has witnessed a lot of changes from the seat of his Cessna 172.

Flying planes since 1964 and fishing off the Oregon and Washington coasts since he was a child, the retired carpenter and millwright has developed a keen eye for anything amiss. In recent years, he's been putting it to use for the U.S. Coast Guard, watching out for hazards to marine navigation, for oil sheens or other pollution and for any signs of terrorist activity.

"We don't really expect that here, but we look for anything that might be unusual," he said as the plane swooped low around Tongue Point and back toward the Astoria anchorage on a flight this week.

Berger belongs to a growing group of aviators volunteering their services in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the unpaid, civilian branch of the Coast Guard. The air program has existed since around the time the Auxiliary began in 1939. But these days, nonmilitary volunteers are increasingly visible on missions traditionally led by the maritime agency.

Berger joined the Auxiliary in 1991. "But I didn't find out about the air program until later, and it wasn't in full swing," he said. "It was maybe the last four or five years they've really been able to use us."

Since then, aviation volunteers have mostly remained out of the public eye, though many coastal residents are aware of the Auxiliary because of its free vessel safety checks, boater education classes and lifejacket programs. But the pilots regularly volunteer their expertise - and their aircraft - while additional civilians volunteer as observers and aircrew. They work shoulder to search and rescue to logistical support. At Air Station Astoria, Auxiliary pilots and observers fly an average one or two missions per week.

Help at hand

Working with volunteers expands the Coast Guard's

capabilities, said Lt. Rob Potter, the station's air operations officer, citing a recent case where Berger was already in the air and diverted his plane to check an empty life raft reported off the coast.

"He was on scene before we could even be airborne," Potter said. "To have the Auxiliary fly missions like that is perfect. They allow us to keep an asset on the coast where we can use it for search and rescue, and it's an extra eye in the sky."



ALEX PAJUNAS — *The Daily Astorian*
U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Rob Potter, air operations officer at Air Station Astoria, and Coast Guard Auxiliary member Don Berger, right, discuss the benefits of having Auxiliary planes to supplement the three helicopters operated by the station Nov. 15. Berger, who lives next to the airport in Ilwaco, Wash., has acquired a keen eye for the landscape after flying for more than 40 years.

It also saves the Coast Guard money. Operating one of three HH-60 Jayhawk helicopters based at Air Station Astoria costs an estimated \$6,000 per hour. Smaller planes burn less fuel, are easier to maintain and typically won't top \$50 an hour - or up to \$300 hourly for a helicopter - according to volunteers' estimates. The Coast Guard reimburses Auxiliarists for gas and provides an allowance for maintenance.

While about 10 Auxiliary aircraft serve the region, Berger, who lives in Ilwaco, Wash., is the area's lone volunteer air commander. The Coast Guard operates 211 aircraft, a number that fluctuates depending on maintenance schedules. By comparison, 233 aircraft participate in the national Auxiliary program, including four helicopters, of which one is based in the Pacific Northwest, said District Aviation Staff

Officer John Warner

Their missions are nearly identical to active-duty members with two exceptions: deploying rescue swimmers and performing law enforcement. When they're under orders, the aircraft become official Coast Guard facilities. "Our mission is to act as a force multiplier for the Pacific Northwest Coast Guard air stations," Warner said. "In short, we do almost everything the regular Coast Guard does." Usually, the volunteers simply report back what they see, but occasionally they carry out entire missions. That was the case when Berger, the local pilot, was sent to check on a boat disabled in the Columbia shipping channel. "There were a couple of freighters going up and down the river from Portland both ways ... and it became a hazard," Berger said. A Coast Guard crew was an hour away, so rescue coordinators called up an Auxiliary boater near the scene in Cathlamet, Wash., who took the disabled vessel in tow 20 minutes later.

More coming on board

The program's ranks could be growing. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Coast Guard has been at the forefront of security along U.S. coastlines, protecting ports, inspecting ships

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you just have a picture to have a picture and that serves no useful purpose. The photography and illustration skills learned in the PA C School are well worth acquiring! If you have not attended the C School yet, submit a training request to DIRAUX today. (See related story on C School on page 22 of this newsletter.)

Third, when you have mixed output methods (black and white print or color PDF for the net) then you need to insure that colors are true and sharp. Also insure the same image used in both media when reduced to gray scale is not overly dark when printed.

Lastly, graphics unrelated to stories are generally used to break-up the appearance of a page. They can be group shots of a large event, such as the recent Change of Watch, or they can be generic interest images acquired from the USCGVI web site or even humorous graphics to lighten the mood of the page. When using these forms of illustrations, care must be given to insure they do not confuse the reader and the message being told elsewhere on the page.

Quality imagery can indeed be worth a thousand words when used wisely. If you use astute observation and layout techniques you will find your pages are a synergistic blend that really sends the message home to your readers.

If you are new to the job of FSO-PB or FSO-PA and would like advice and training, contact the SO or DSO over your area of interest and they will help you.

SO-PS: G. Kobes—Retention is the process induced by Recruitment.

Retention of members begins as soon as a Flotilla is successful in recruiting a new member. Keep in mind that a person has to be determined to join the Auxiliary.

In the context of our instant gratification society, I sometimes think in another organization if someone was charged with developing a recruitment process that has numerous impediments, delays and mysteries so as to actually discourage people from joining their organization, they'd probably look to the Auxiliary process as a model. But for us maybe that's not such a bad thing, just part of a process of self-selection.

We are a volunteer organization whose purpose is to serve the mission and needs of the Coast Guard. In that context, we need to find people who are motivated to undertake their part in the mission activities. Once we have inducted a new member we must find the activities from which they will derive personal satisfaction. Then we need to guide and assist them in developing the competencies to undertake those activities. And finally we need them to perform those activities—with us—on a reasonably regular basis.

Induction of a new member typically takes three to four months from their first meeting before they are sworn in. By the end of the first year of membership they should have completed:

- An Auxiliary approved boating safety course.
- Sexual harassment training
- ICS 100
- ICS 200

To be actively engaged in the RBS program the member should develop a basic competency in:

- Vessel Examination
- Instruction

To be actively engaged in operations or direct support activities the new member will have to submit an SF 86 security document. Then they can start on the training syllabus for:

- Boat crew
- AUXAIR Observer/Flight Crew

Other direct support activities usually require special training.

Once the FC, PS and MT get a new member signed up and approved by DIRAUX it takes the rest of the Auxiliary alphabet, MA, MT, FN, etc. to launch that new member on their endeavor. New members are a special breed and require some special handling. The resources available to them are almost overwhelming. An individual development plan and a realistic schedule will go a long way toward realistic expectations and actual accomplishment.

One of the first things that come out of training is camaraderie and fellowship. If you don't give a person the opportunity to feel they belong, are appreciated, and are a contributing member, soon they won't be.

In my experience the coffee break and the picnic or barbecue are important, but real fellowship is experienced in studying and training and achieving competency as part of a group. This is where mutual respect, confidence and acceptance are developed.

When you look at it, the new member's first year is and should be a challenge to develop needed proficiencies. If the Flotilla is not adequately organized to accomplish the task of guiding and training, the new member will be on the road to boredom, diminished expectation, apathy and finally disenrollment. In most cases once you lose the interest of a new member you will not get a second chance to revive it.

In the final analysis a Flotilla will lose members for reasons beyond the control of the Flotilla and the departing member. As for the rest make sure you don't lose a new member,

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 14, 15, 16 AND 17 FEBRUARY 2008

MONARCH HOTEL, CLACKAMAS, OREGON

Come one, come all, to the District 13 February Training Conference 14 through 17 February 2008. The Conference will be held at the Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, Oregon. Many of you are familiar with the hotel and the great shopping across the street at the Clackamas Town Center. The hotel provides free shuttle to the Town Center and the Portland International Airport.

Attached is the registration form for the meeting. Jo Ann Grubb must **receive** the form with payment no later than 1 February 2008. Send your registrations early so they will arrive in plenty of time. No meal tickets will be sold at the door.

If you are flying into Portland International Airport pick up your luggage first and then call the Hotel for the shuttle, 1-800-492-8700.

Please if you send in registration and find that you cannot attend let Jo Ann know. Once the meal count is given to the hotel no refunds will be made.

Make reservations at the Hotel by 14 January 2008. The room rate is: \$77.00 single occupancy and \$87.00 double occupancy, both plus tax.

Presenters and Instructors need to bring their own equipment or let Jo Ann Grubb know no later than 1 February. The Hotel has to rent the audio equipment. The theme for Friday Fun Night is "Oldies but Goodies" Get out those Poodle skirts, jeans and saddle shoes.

Driving Directions to the Monarch Hotel.

Traveling North on Hwy I- 205: Take Sunnyside Road Exit 14. Turn left onto Sunnyside Road at the top of the off-ramp. Merge into the far left lane. Go to the second stop light and turn left. This is 93rd Avenue, stay in the left lane this will lead you to the entrance of the Monarch Hotel parking lot.

Traveling South on Hwy I-205: Take the Sunnyside Road Exit 14. Turn right onto Sunnyside Road at the top of the off-ramp. Merge into the far left lane. Turn left at the first stoplight. This is 93rd Avenue, stay in the left lane. Turn left in the entrance of the Monarch Hotel parking lot.



Monarch Hotel & Conference Center
12566 SE 93rd Avenue
Portland/Clackamas, Oregon 97015
503-652-1515



Santa, What happened to your beard? DCP Mel Chaput at Flotilla 65 Christmas party.



Santa gets an earful from an eager admirer at the Flotilla 65 Christmas Party. Santa is DCP Mel Chaput.

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT TRAINING/CONFERENCE
14, 15, 16, 17 February 2008
MONARCH HOTEL, CLACKAMAS, OREGON

I am enclosing my check for \$ _____, made payable to "13th Coast Guard Auxiliary". Mail to Jo Ann Grubb, 327 Logger Ct SE, Olympia, WA 98503-6721. Questions – Contact at 360-438-6848 or j01n2mfg@comcast.net

Registration Fee: _____ \$5.00 per person x _____ = _____

EVERYONE ATTENDING: MEMBERS, SPOUSES, GUESTS MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE, WHETHER YOU ATTEND THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE OR JUST ONE EVENT. Late registration is \$2.00.

FUN NIGHT

Citrus-Ginger Chicken

Grilled Marinated Breast of Chicken, finished with a tangy Citrus-Ginger
Glaze Served with Rice Pilaf. \$20.50 x _____ = _____

Baked Fillet of Tilapia

Finished Salsa Fresca. Served with Rice Pilaf. \$21.75 x _____ = _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Deli Sandwich

Turkey with Monterey Cheese, served on whole wheat bread,
with Potato Salad. Includes drink and dessert. \$12.00 x _____ = _____

SATURDAY BANQUET

London Broil

Finished Sauce Brodelaise. Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes \$23.00 x _____ = _____

Grilled Salmon

With Lemon Butter. Served with Rice Pilaf \$25.75 x _____ = _____

PAST CAPTAINS BRAKFAST

Monarch Bounty Breakfast

Scrambled eggs, with Home Fried Potatoes and Country Ham. Served with
Fresh baked Muffin. Includes Orange, Coffee and Tea. \$12.00 x _____ = _____

TOTAL _____

All dinners include salad, fresh seasoned vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea.

If you have special dietary needs, please indicated below:

Registrations and meal choices with payment must be received by **1 February 2008**. Please send your registration early.

NOTE: There will be NO tickets for the sale at the meeting.

Name _____ FL# _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

Make Hotel reservations: Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, Oregon 97015

Phone toll free: 1-800-492-8700

Our Group Name is: "Coast Guard Auxiliary District 13". Be sure you mention this when making reservations.

Room Rates are: \$77.00 Single; \$87.00 Double occupancy, plus tax.

Hotel reservations deadline: **January 14, 2008**. After this date rooms may not be available or rates may change.

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and watching for terrorists. These additional responsibilities were lumped in with the agency's traditional roles, such as enforcing fisheries laws, coordinating maritime search and rescue cases, supervising navigation and protecting the marine environment. Mounting duties have pushed more weight onto the shoulders of the agency's civilian volunteers, said Bruce Miller, Commodore of the Pacific Northwest's 13th Coast Guard District Auxiliary.



ABOVE: From left, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members Ralph Javins, Don Berger and Auxiliary Air Operations Officer Gary Nepple with his dog, Fu, finish lunch at the Runway Cafe at the Astoria Regional Airport recently. ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian

"I was here on 9-11, and the Auxiliary air program was just a handful of airplanes," Miller said. "Since then we've grown that capability considerably. Our mission has expanded in conjunction with the groups like Astoria and Sector Portland; they have us flying observation patrols going all the way up the Snake and through Lewiston, Idaho."

As regional air operations officer for the Auxiliary, Gary Nepple, of Portland, coordinates Astoria patrols with Bob Coster, a civilian search and rescue controller at the air station. "We kind of rotate the duties as to who goes where," said Nepple. "There are a number of people in training right now or in the process of getting qualified."

A military pilot who served in Vietnam before working as a crop duster and cargo pilot in Washington, and then as a bush pilot in Alaska, Nepple thought his flying days were over when he crashed a plane in 1977. He now uses a wheelchair.

"Then I came to find out they made hand controls for airplanes," said Nepple. He joined the Auxiliary five years ago and is an aircraft commander, the program's top pilot qualification, followed by aircrew. "After 9-11, I really felt that I would love to be able to do something else to help my country out; there was a big void there," he said. "I've got-

ten a tremendous amount of satisfaction out of being able to participate in this stuff. The truth is, I'd probably pay to do it. I just love it." Nepple logged 138 volunteer hours last year. His wife now volunteers as a flight observer, but the group always needs more volunteers, he said.

Useful efforts

While some are retired, others maintain full-time jobs, such as Warrenton Police Chief Bob Maxfield, who is in the process of joining the program. It's taken some time to jump through the hoops - completing paperwork and waiting for approval then additional training, said Maxfield. But he hopes his experience in law enforcement and flying will ultimately benefit the public. "Instead of flying around in circles or flying up to wherever, I'd like to use the plane; it's a resource, and it's fun," he said. "If I have extra time, I'm willing to put that effort toward flying for the Coast Guard to help them out." Ultimately, it's that affinity for flying, paired with a little patriotism that brings the volunteer fliers together. "I'm always looking for excuses to go somewhere and do something with the airplane," said Berger. "It's just a love of flying, I guess."

NACO's HOLIDAY MESSAGE

This Holiday season we gather with our friends and family to share good wishes and celebrate the significance of this special time of year. The friendships we have developed take on added meaning during the holidays, and it is a pleasure to send cards and gifts to those who hold a special place in our lives. It is also a time to pause and remember the men and women of our armed forces who are away from their families as they serve in defense of our nation. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a safe return home.

Thank you for the time and effort you give to our Coast Guard and for being part of this wonderful family we call the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Your efforts and dedication carry the spirit of this holiday season all throughout the year.

We volunteer to serve in the Coast Guard Auxiliary for many different reasons; ultimately, we derive the satisfaction of a job well done as we serve our fellow citizens on the water, in the air, in the classrooms, on the docks, and even in cyberspace. We enjoy the unique challenges of recruiting, mentoring and fellowship with the finest volunteers in America.

The success and challenges of this year are behind us, and while I pause to be thankful for all that has been provided to us, I am ever mindful of the wonderful opportunity the new year brings. This week the annual Coast Guard Ball in Washington DC is in honor of the volunteers of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. This prestigious event in our

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Nation's Capital brings a fantastic focus to the incredible contribution our Auxiliarists make to the safety and security of America's, ports and waterways. My wife Mary Kay and I extend our Aloha and most heartfelt wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday.

Steve Budar

National Commodore

POTPOURRI 2008 O'LOUGHLIN TRADE SHOW

CENTRAL OREGON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, Redmond, OR Thursday, Feb 28, 2008 through Sunday, March 2, 2008

Life Jacket give-away: OSMB setting up an area similar to what was previously done in Portland

OSMB Staff will need volunteers. If the local flotilla is established in time, they could help out and get some great exposure and experience.

SO-MA's AND FSO-MA's

This is to advise you that we have exhausted the ACN-BCN Course series (10080). The replacement course is to be the Weekend Navigator; however, that course is not yet complete or available. The Education Department is working to complete the course. You will be notified as I receive information on the new course and its availability.

Additionally, as of December 14th we have 42 cases of ABC remaining. We have the replacement course About Boating Safely in stock and will transition to it as the ABC stock is exhausted. We will make an announcement at the time that we will begin shipping the About Boating Safely course. For your planning purposes, the stock numbers for About Boating Safely will be 10070 for the Course and 10071 for the Supplement that will serve 10 students. The About Boating Safely course will not be shipped until ABC stock is exhausted.

All questions regarding the instructor guide/materials should be referred to your DSO-PE and the Education Department as should any inquiries with regard to the introduction of the Weekend Navigator course.

DEATH OF CG FLAG OFFICER

The Commandant announces with regret the death of Rear Admiral William H. Stewart, USCG, retired.

Rear Admiral Stewart died on Friday, 30 Nov 2007 while hospitalized in Mobile Alabama. He was 80.

RADM Stewart was a 1949 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and retired in 1985. He served with distinction throughout his career and is remembered as a tremendous leader whose legacy will be with us for generations to come. He held the most challenging assignments, including commanding the CGC Androscoggin in operation market time in the Vietnam War. He was the chief of staff in the 14th district and later became the chief of staff at headquarters, as well as the chief of the office of personnel, and commander of the eighth district. His accomplishments were as varied as his tours. He was instrumental in the creation of the Chief Petty Officer Academy, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary, and he was widely known for his dedication to the lives of the people in our service. At the same time, he was one of the early architects of the war on drugs, which later became one of the Coast Guards critical missions. Following his retirement, he continued his leadership as the national director to the Navy League of the United States and the director for the Alabama sea cadet program.

Rear Admiral Stewart is survived by his wife, Paulette, along with a daughter, step-daughters, and grandchildren. ADM Thad Allen, Commandant, sends.

NEW HISTORY OF AUXILIARY PUBLISHED

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

ISBN: 1563119781, Price: \$55.95

Description: This US Coast Guard Auxiliary Historical Volume chronicles the history and dedication of our nation's men and women who volunteer their time assisting the U.S. Coast Guard in various missions. This book will highlight the 65 years of being the nation's number one organization dedicated to boating safety. This book will also include the assimilation of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary into the Department of Homeland Security.

This FULL COLOR "coffee-table" volume will be a great addition to the library of any boating enthusiast or USCG Auxiliary member. 144 pages, Hardbound

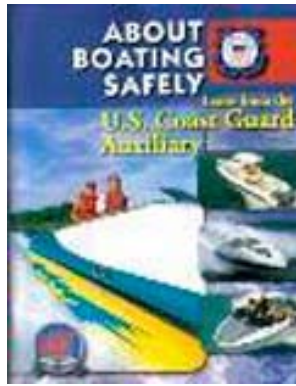


U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
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ABC CLASSES STARTING

Lee Williams

McMINNVILLE, OREGON - The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct the American's Boating Course (ABC) in McMinnville, Oregon starting January 9th, 2008 at the McMinnville National Guard Armory near McMinnville Air Port. Classes will be held on six successive Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. through 9:15 p.m.



This course offers recreational boaters basic boating information and instruction on safety equipment, boat handling and trailering. Federal and Oregon State requirements for boating will also be presented.

The class offers more in depth discussions and hands-on training in Safe Boating! The class is offered in six (6) sessions to provide time for students to study the text materials, and develop questions for the instructors. It provides more time for class activities and discussion and students do not have to spend a full day seated in a classroom trying to absorb all the information presented.

You will not get this kind of learning experience on the Internet programs. Numerous past graduates have stated that they took the Internet classes and that they learned so much more by taking this classroom class.

The course agenda is as follows:

Week one: Know your Boat and Before You Get Underway (with a knot tying exercise).

Week two: Operating your Boat of PWC (with anchoring exercise).

Week three: Discussion of the Legal Requirements of Boating (PFD fitting, emergency equipment use, equipment inspection, signaling exercise).

Week four: Navigating the Waterways (navigation exercise following buoy /day board signals-secondary channels, and passing exercise).

Week five: Boating emergencies and What to Do, (Radio Communication exercise with VHF radios and how to make proper calls for help), and Enjoying Water Sports With Your Boat.

Week six: Review of the course and final examination

In Oregon, a mandatory boating education program was initiated in 2003 with a 6-year progressive implementation schedule. In 2008, all boaters age 70 and younger, who operate a watercraft with a 10 hp or greater motor, must have

their Boater's Education Card. Failure to hold this card while boating could result in a \$97 Oregon State fine.

Completion of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's American's Boating Course meets the boating educational requirements and graduates can apply for the Boater's Education Card. In addition, many insurance companies provide discounts to graduates of the boating education course. Check with your boat insurance provider.

The \$20 registration fee covers all books and materials for the 6-night course being held at the National Guard Armory located at 333 Armory Way in McMinnville, Oregon. Please register early so that the text and reference materials can be mailed to you for study prior to the first class session. Please register early!

For more information and registration contact: gsandss@onlinenw.com or jotter2@verizon.net or call 503 857-2924 or 472-9121.



RCO Wimer presenting awards and letters at Division Six Changes of Watch on 1 Dec 2007 at Grand Ronde, Oregon.



Coast Guard watches Cocaine Seizure, by Nydia Preede

GUARDING OUR COASTS SINCE 1790

To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard:

Today marks another milestone in our history. This afternoon I joined Director John Walters, of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and Mike Braun, Chief of Operations at the Drug Enforcement Agency, to announce that the Coast Guard seized more than 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea this year, worth an estimated street value of more than 4.7 billion dollars. That's half of our annual budget and surpasses all of our previous records.

Our success is the direct result of each of you doing the hard things required by those who "guard our coasts." Everyday, Coast Guard men and women execute this dangerous mission hundreds of miles from our borders, to keep illegal drugs from reaching our shores where they threaten our families, our schools, and our communities here at home.

While the numbers are impressive, they don't tell the whole story. The impact of these efforts is also unprecedented. This is evidenced by the reduced supply of cocaine in more than 35 major cities throughout the United States, as well as the great lengths smugglers are resorting to in an attempt to evade detection and interdiction at sea. We have seen the dilution of cocaine into liquid, the employment of semi-submersible vessels, and the use of less traveled, lengthier routes far into the Pacific Ocean.

In the last ten years, the Coast Guard has seized more than 2 million pounds of cocaine. With interagency teamwork, collaboration with our international partners, and ever-more effective tools and tactics, we will continue to tighten the web of detection and interdiction at sea, as we secure our maritime borders and keep illegal drugs out of the country.

We have a 200+ year legacy of maritime law enforcement and border protection, with innovation, dedication and selfless service at the foundation. From the 1793, when DILIGENCE drove a pirate ashore in the Chesapeake Bay, to the DALLAS capturing a slave ship off the Florida Coast in 1820, to our first maritime opium seizure in the Straits of Juan De Fuca in 1890, you have demonstrated the courage of your convictions, protecting the Nation and the American people.

Make no mistake about it, your efforts are making an impact. Whether you are out there responding to oil spills, conducting fisheries patrols, or stopping illegal migrants and illicit drugs from making it to our shores, you make America a safer place to live every single day. You demonstrate the honor, respect and devotion to duty that ensures America's parents can sleep a little more soundly knowing the Coast Guard is on patrol.

Admiral Thad Allen

Semper Paratus!. All Hazards...All Threats...Always Ready

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Joan Otte, SO-FN at Flotilla 66 Christmas Party held at the American Legion Hall, December 12, 2007. Photo – D. Wimer



DCP Santa M. Chaput and FSO-FN A. Jacobs (his daughter) sharing a laugh at Flotilla 65 Christmas Party.



The Christmas feast begins in Flotilla 65 as FSO-MT Turley, FSO-FN A. Jacobs and VFC D. Jacobs line fill their plates.

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or old alike, before you get them started on real personal growth and organizational competency.

The development of a new member is a true challenge for every Flotilla. It is no small or easy task for any Flotilla. It is the only sound basis for long term growth of all Flotillas.

A final note to FSO-PS's, FC's and VFC's; the Division 6 and Division 7 SO-PS's are planning a training session for FSO-PS's on January 12 at Sector Portland. If you are at all able to attend, you should mark your calendar now. For experienced and new PS's alike this will be an opportunity to learn the process, changes from this past year and how to manage the process instead of having it manage you. More information will be forthcoming by email.

SO-PV: K. Roman—

SO-SR: E. Chaput—

SO-VE: —J. Bradbury—It is time to start planning for Flotilla activities for 2008. One of the oldest and important programs of the Auxiliary that we can be part of is the Vessel Exam program. This goes back to the very beginning of the USPS. It was and still is one of the most important activities we do because it puts us, right on the ramp, face to face with boaters where we can share our safety tips and information with them, one on one.

Our Squadrons contain an immense reservoir of Boating knowledge which can be shared with the public for their safety and happiness. It is also enjoyable to visit with boaters about their boats and equipment and pass on safety info for their benefit. We are always welcomed by boaters, law enforcement and the general public.

The new decals are out now, they are a beautiful red color, if you do not have them yet, see your friendly FSO-MA and ask to have them ordered.

The last two or three years has seen a decline in Division totals, in the most part, on an annual basis. Only you can reverse this trend. I will be contacting all FSO-VE's to see what we can do to help.

Although a mandatory VE seminar will not be required this year, we will have a voluntary one coming out soon, please make the effort to attend whether you are a VSC or not. Thank you.

SO-UF/Protocol: D. Dail—

USCG Chaplain Assistant: F. Gillock—Greetings for the month of January. This has been a particularly difficult month for many due to the storm that ravaged our part of the world. We all survived the storm and we are picking up the pieces and putting our lives back together.

We are happy Jack Bradbury is back home and doing well at last report. Everyone at Cape Disappointment is doing well and things are getting back to what can be considered as normal. I want to thank everyone for the year of support I have received from all of you. I have been able to get cards out to those who needed them due to your diligence in keeping me abreast of things going on. I have been honored to serve under Dean and Mel and look forward to serving under Mel and Jerry in the coming year. When we Honor and Respect one another it is just easier to support each other and that leads to Devotion to duty and Fellowship. I am proud to be a part of this organization and a part of Team Coast Guard. My wife and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May our God bless you all with all good Blessings.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Admiral Thad Allen

To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard:

Just over a week ago, USCGC BERTHOLF (WMS 750), the first National Security Class (NSC) cutter, got underway for the first time under her own power to complete machinery trials. All indications are that the trials went extremely well and BERTHOLF will meet or exceed our requirements upon commissioning next year. (Rear Adm. Blore, the Assistant Commandant for Acquisition, will issue an ALCOAST shortly that provides greater detail on the results of the machinery trials). Given this milestone in Coast Guard history, I thought this would be a good time to provide an update on the health of our vital Deepwater program.

First, a little history:

About a year ago, the Coast Guard's \$24 billion Deepwater capital acquisition program to replace and modernize virtually our entire fleet of offshore cutters, boats, aircraft, and command and control systems over 25 years, came under intense public scrutiny. The DHS Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, our Congressional overseers, and others voiced concern with significant challenges we faced in performance, cost and schedule. At the time, we committed to taking strong, decisive action to improve Coast Guard management and oversight of this vital modernization program.

Much of the criticism last year centered around eight 110-foot patrol boats among a fleet of 49 boats kept well beyond their planned service life in a failed attempt to lengthen them to get additional years of service. These efforts did not live up to their promise, and we have since rescinded our acceptance. We will replace the remainder of our 110-foot patrol boats with a new fleet of 58 Fast Response Cutters (FRC), the first of which will begin to enter service in 2010. To speed project

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USCGC Bertholf, (WHEC 750) the U.S. Coast Guard's first National Security Cutter procured under the Deepwater Program underwent sea trials in December 2007 in the Gulf of Mexico. Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman

completion and increase competition in the market, we took the FRC project outside of the Deepwater contract last year and issued a request for proposals in record time. We are currently reviewing those proposals and look forward to announcing a new contract award this spring. In the interim, we have increased patrol days for some of the remaining patrol boats using the crews of the laid up cutters and are in the process of procuring four additional new 87-foot patrol boats.

Another area of significant concern focused on the fatigue life of our newest Deepwater cutter, the 418-foot National Security Cutter (NSC). In response to these concerns, we worked tirelessly with our own engineers, industry and our Navy counterparts to identify structural design modifications needed to help ensure a 30-year service life. We also undertook a significant re-structuring of the NSC project contract with industry last year. This has resulted in better conditions and cost control for the government while resolving numerous outstanding contractual issues that existed for more than two years.

We suspended work on our Vertical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (VUAV) project due to our concerns with the technological maturity of the designs offered. We are studying several alternative technologies and continue to research the best way forward that will meet our surveillance and reconnaissance requirements, possibly in concert with other DHS efforts.

Here's where the program stands today:

Improvements we've made in the Deepwater program outlined above are the direct result of aggressive oversight and management reforms implemented in the past year to put the program back on track. We changed the way we are doing business overall by improving the organizations, policies and processes that govern how we acquire ships, aircraft and equipment. We call this strategy for business

transformation our "Blueprint for Acquisition Reform."

In July, we reached another milestone when we stood up the consolidated Acquisition Directorate (CG-9), which is comprised of several legacy acquisition offices, including the Deepwater Program Office. The new directorate manages services and supports a \$27 billion investment portfolio that includes more than 20 major acquisition projects, including the Rescue 21, the Nationwide Automated Identification System (NAIS), and our Response Boat - Medium projects. Our shared vision for the directorate sets a new course for our acquisition community. This will enable us to be more effective in how we apply our resources; in the way we direct our workforce to the highest priorities in contracting and program management; in acquisition workforce professional development; and in our standard acquisition policies & processes.

We are just beginning to see the fruits of our labor as a result of many of the acquisition program changes made in the past year. USCGC BERTHOLF recently completed machinery trials as one step leading to commissioning next year. USCGC WAESCHE (WMSL 751) is thirty percent complete and we will cut steel for the third ship, USCGC HAMILTON (WMSL 752), next year. We also took delivery of three new HC-144 Ocean Sentry maritime patrol aircraft and started construction on five more, upgraded our entire fleet of 95 HH-65C Dolphin helicopters with more powerful engines, and added new sensors and communication systems aboard 35 of our legacy Medium Endurance Cutters in the past year. Our Mission Effectiveness Project to sustain and refurbish our legacy fleet of 110-foot coastal patrol boats and both classes of medium endurance cutters is in on schedule and within budget. I had the opportunity to fly aboard the first MH-60T Jayhawk going through conversion at our Aircraft Repair and Supply Center in Elizabeth City, NC recently and was impressed with its significant improvements in state-of-the-art sensors, navigation and communications. This coming summer, the first of six newly missionized C130J Hercules long range surveillance aircraft will be operational. Moreover, we are seeing real results in the execution of our vital missions as a result of Deepwater, having removed more cocaine at sea (161 metric tons) than in any other year in our history of drug interdiction and set a new altitude record in the course of an HH-65C rescue in the state of Washington.

Undoubtedly, we will face additional challenges in the future as we struggle with simultaneously maintaining an obsolete fleet of ships and aircraft while we introduce a new fleet of more capable ships and aircraft into service. Yet, I am confident that the Deepwater program is back on course and optimistic that we will prevail in doing both to the best of our ability. Make no mistake about it. Deepwater is underway and making way.



Representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Allstate Insurance, New York State Office of Parks and Recreation, and National Marine Manufacturers Association present life jackets to children during the 9th Annual Allstate Safety Weekend at the New York National Boat Show in New York City Dec. 29, 2007.

*Allstate Insurance presented its 40,000th life jacket to a Westfield, N.J. child, during the event to raise awareness for boating safety.
U.S. Coast Guard Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Seth Johnson*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECALS;

YEAR 2008

Peter Urgola, DC-V

The Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) has received an initial supply of decals. The overall supply should be more than adequate to meet our demands and the demands of our partners.

This year's USCG Auxiliary distribution plan will duplicate the one used in prior years. The quantity of decals received at each unit level will be a function of the past year's performance. ANSC has already been given the quantities and will deliver that number of decals and VSC Examination Record forms, ANSC 7012, upon receiving your initial order request. Either the unit's elected officer or the materials office must place the order. USPS members should obtain ordering information from their squadron commanders.

The order form to use is the Vessel Safety Check and Maritime Domain Awareness Materials Order form (attached). This form contains a number of key materials that vessel examiners will find useful in executing their job.

Additional decals can be ordered after the initial allocation by resubmitting the order form and by checking the "backup allocation" box. These orders will be honored after the initial allocations are completed to all units. As before, new vessel examiners will be eligible for a 20-decal allocation by simply noting "new examiner" on the ANSC order form.

In summary, units at each level are encouraged to order their allotment of decals as soon as possible. There is no

need to list the quantity; ANSC has the predetermined amounts for each unit: Flotilla, Division and District. Order your supplemental VE materials to assist in spreading the RBS message throughout the boating community.

Download the order form from http://safetyseal.net/pdf_files/vscdecalfm08.pdf

Send decal orders to:

Auxiliary National Supply Center
1301 First Street Suite E
River's Edge
Granite City, IL 62040-1803
Or Fax to 618-452-4249

LIGHTHOUSE REPLICA HONORS COAST GUARD

*By DIANE A. RHODES
Special to The Press-Enterprise*

A lighthouse now stands at Druding Park in San Jacinto, CA as a tribute to the U. S. Coast Guard. It was dedicated on December 8th after about a month's delay because of the windstorms that devastated the city in October.

Maintained by the Coast Guard since 1939, lighthouses serve as beacons in the night for ships at sea.

The monument to honor Coast Guard veterans is the latest addition to many that Mayor Jim Ayres has already had installed at the park.

Seven years ago an M-60 tank was dedicated for the U.S. Army. The only branch of service left to be honored is the U.S. Marine Corps.

"The park has taken on a whole new life of its own," said Ayres.

During Saturday's invocation Pastor Gordon Houston, from San Jacinto Assembly of God, said he thought it was fitting that the threat of an impending rainstorm hovered over the 90-minute ceremony.

The replica of the lighthouse at Fenwick Island near Delaware has a 4-foot base of stones with an 18-foot white tower that is topped by a small light. "Fenwick was selected because of its availability and traditional lighthouse feel," said Ayres. Some other suggestions for a Coast Guard monument included a depth charge, life preserver and anchor.

"Since we already had the Navy anchor, the lighthouse seemed to be the best selection," said Ayres. "It added an element that fit in the park."

The city's Public Works department, along with city councilman John Mansperger and Ayres, did the design and construction.

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Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Color Guard stand near a lighthouse replica that was installed at Druding Park in San Jacinto.

David Johnson was a lighthouse keeper in World War II.

"The light was a little flame about an inch high with prisms all around it giving it 300,000 candle power," said Johnson, of Hemet. "It can be seen 20 miles away."

Bill Densmore, Director of Veterans' Affairs for Riverside County, is a former Coast Guardsman who said the unofficial motto of the group is "when you're coming in, we're going out."

He said the branch of service came into being back when ships were made of wood and men were made of steel.

"I can't think of a better retirement gift than having an opportunity to be here today and be a part of this," said Densmore, who steps down at the end of the year.

REMINDERS

About Boating Safely Now Available

The Auxiliary Center is now shipping the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's **About Boating Safely** course and supplements in place of the *America's Boating Course*®. The last shipment of ABC Course materials shipped from the Auxiliary Center on December 24th. The number for ordering the About Boating Safely Course is stock number 10070 while the supplement, which serves 10 students, is stock number 10071. The course and supplement are the same price as was ABC. For information about the course please go through your Public Education Officer Chain of Responsi-

bility. Questions regarding orders for the course and supplement should be directed to your DSO-MA or the Auxiliary Center.

For Safety's Sake, Volume 5 - 2007 Posted

The newest edition of *For Safety's Sake*, Volume 07-05, was released on December 25th and is available for downloading from the V Department's Newsletter page. Topics in this issue include: The Year in Review, Holiday messages from the V Department Staff, and Why I Wear my life jacket. Download your copy and pass it on to your associates after you've read it. <http://safetyseal.net/newsletters/ve-mdv/fss07-05.pdf>

Free Soundings Subscription for FCs and PE Officers!

All 2008 Flotilla Commanders and Public Education (PE) Officers at the National, District, Division and Flotilla levels, are eligible for a free 2008 subscription to *Soundings* Magazine. On-line enrollment is accomplished by going to shopauxiliary.com and clicking on the Members Only link. Enter your member number and the same password used to access our eDirectory. Click on the Soundings logo and then the FC and PE menu selection.

Operations Workshop Released

The voluntary 2008 Operations Workshop is now available. Intended to provide guidance for Districts, Divisions, and Flotillas to update their members on Operations programs for 2008, the workshop is presented in two parts, the Operations Workshop 2008 Facilitator Slide Notes and the 2008 Operations Workshop PowerPoint Slides. A Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher course, required in 2008, will be released at a later date.

VE and PV Workshops Released

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary National V Department has released the 2008 VE and PV Workshops. The workshops for 2008 are not mandatory but units are encouraged to hold the workshops to better the knowledge of their Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors. The workshops are also available on CD from ANSC as, "V Department 2008 Workshop CD - ANSC 2001A". <http://safetyseal.net/workshops/>

Instructor Workshop Released

The 2008 Instructor Workshop is now available on the E Department Library. The workshop is required for all Instructors for 2008. A qualified Instructor or Member Trainer may implement this Workshop at any level. The length of the Workshop should require 30 - 35 minutes for presentation. http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/aids/WS08/2008_Instructor_Workshop.ppt

"C" SCHOOL FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The AUX-12 Public Affairs C class to be held at ISC Alameda, CA 15-17 February 2008, still has several openings which we need to fill. This is an ideal training opportunity for DSO-PA/PB, SO-PA/PB, and FSO-PA/PB's to hone their public affairs skills. The classes are also open to elected officers.

Register for a class at the AUX-12 PA School webpage <<http://www.auxpa.org/aux12/>> and be sure to submit your Short Term Training Request (ANSC-7059/CG-5223) to your DIRAUX via your Flotilla Commander. The Coast Guard will pay or reimburse you for airfare, lodging, and a per diem when you are officially enrolled in the course.

Questions should be directed to Tom Nunes, BC-ANT at tnunes1@cox.net.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Ed Sweeney, DCA

Chief - Department of Public Affairs

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Department of Homeland Security

MAJOR CHANGE IN VHF AUXILIARY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

This information does not apply to marine radios (fcc type part 80). If in doubt, look on your radio. It will have a plate indicating the fcc 'type acceptance' number.

1. AuxNet repeaters and simplex radio frequencies, and all Coast Guard Land Mobile units will commence operating on narrow band (2.5 KHz) transmit deviation on January 1, 2008.

(This change does NOT include Coast Guard or Government radio frequencies that are 'numbered channels' in the Marine Radio Band. 'Numbered channels' in the Marine Band are still 5 khz deviation and are not changing at this time).

2. Any Part 97 VHF amateur radio that is not capable of being programmed or switched to 2.5 KHz deviation on the narrow band frequencies mentioned in #1 above will cause interference to adjacent radio communications. Thus, if your Part 97 (or older Part 90) radio can not be changed to narrow band (2.5 KHz) deviation, it will not be authorized to transmit on narrow band specified frequencies after December 31, 2007.

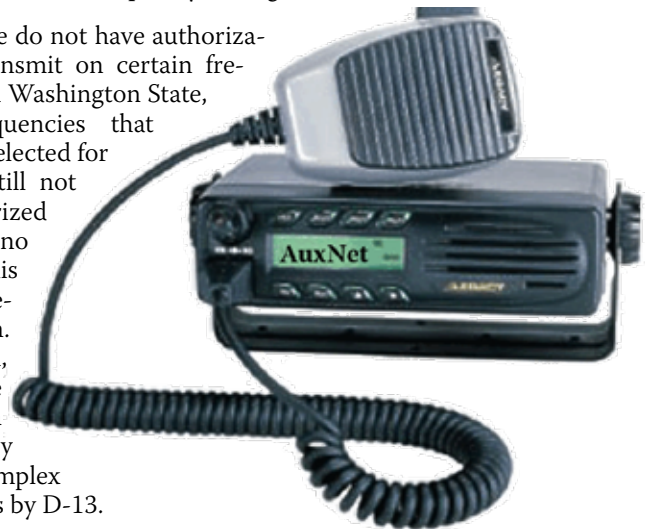
No exceptions - even if it was previously offered for use and the authorization is 'current' on or after January 1, 2008. We can not transmit 5 KHz deviation bandwidth on the new 2.5 khz deviation frequencies.

3. Many AuxNet repeaters and simplex frequencies, and Coast

Guard LM radio frequencies will change frequencies on or before January 1, 2008. This will necessitate programming radio frequencies as well as programming narrow band (2.5 KHz) emission. This change is Government wide and affects placement of Auxiliary radio frequencies on CG radios as well.

4. Because of the radio frequency change, repeaters in Washington State had to be re-coordinated through Coast Guard Frequency management AND the Canadian frequency coordination group. As of 112307 we do not have authorization (in Washington State) to transmit on the new repeater frequencies, which directly impacts Aux. communications in Washington State. {There are no AuxNet repeaters in Idaho or Montana, which would also be required to coordinate with Canadian frequency spectrum people through the USCG frequency management bureau}.

5. Since we do not have authorization to transmit on certain frequencies in Washington State, radio frequencies that had been selected for use may still not be authorized so there is no use at this time to release them. In addition, we have not been officially granted simplex frequencies by D-13.



6. The Bellingham/Lookout repeater and JFB are transmitting 5 KHz deviation and will have to be turned off on January 1, 2008. The new replacement narrow band repeaters have not been installed, and can't be installed until the coordinated frequencies requested have been approved for use. Of course it's quite possible that when coordination is received, it may not be possible to access the site on Lookout Mountain due to snowfall. We applied for coordination August hoping that we would have time to access the mountain prior to snow fall..

7. Previously assigned Auxiliary radio frequencies of 143.280 and 143.880 have been reassigned to other agencies and are not authorized for our use on and after January 1, 2008.

8. Repeater locations in Oregon are changing. The only thing certain at this writing is that the Marquam Hill (VA hospital) repeater in Portland, OR is on the air and will be switching to narrow band on or before January 1, 2008. The repeater receives on 142.825 and transmits on 143.475 with a p/l of 156.7. Skyline repeater is off the air and is being relocated. North Bend may be on the air by the time this is released but it has changed to: Repeater receive on 149.200 repeater transmit 150.700 p/l 156.7.

9. I concur that we are in a time crunch for programming radios, and I am doing all I can to keep on top of the daily changes so that I can notify you immediately when the final frequency selections are confirmed. I do NOT expect anything firm until mid-December.

Frank McJunkins, DSO-CM D-13

Division 6 Meeting

REGISTRATION

February 23rd, 24th, 2008 - McMinnville, OR

American Legion Hall 126 NE Atlantic St. McMinnville, OR

Name/s: _____ Flotilla/Unit: _____

_____ Flotilla/Unit: _____

LUNCH SATURDAY

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Bean & Ham Soup, Salad &

Turkey **or** Roast Beef Sandwich

(circle meat choice)

\$ 9.50 X ____ = \$ _____

BANQUET SATURDAY:

8 oz Prime Rib, Baked Potato,

Mix Vegetables & Roll

\$ 18.25 X ____ = \$ _____

Chicken Cordon Bleu Baked Potato,

Mix Vegetables & Roll

\$ 15.25 X ____ = \$ _____

Vegetarian Ravioli Garlic Bread

Mix Vegetables Salad

\$ 9.50 X ____ = \$ _____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Served at 07:30

Scrambled Eggs, Link Sausage, Bacon,

Hash Browns, Biscuit & Gravy, Coffee

\$ 6.75 X ____ = \$ _____

Total: = \$ _____

Please mail this form with check payable to: USCGAUX Flotilla 66.

Must arrive no later

then February 1st

TO: Sheila Lague FSO-FN 66 12600 NW McBride Cemetery Rd, Carlton OR 97111-9416 (503 852-7997)

Payment must be received with the registration or NO MEAL WILL BE SERVED! You will have to order off the menu and pay at the bar next door which *will take longer* to get your food.

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